

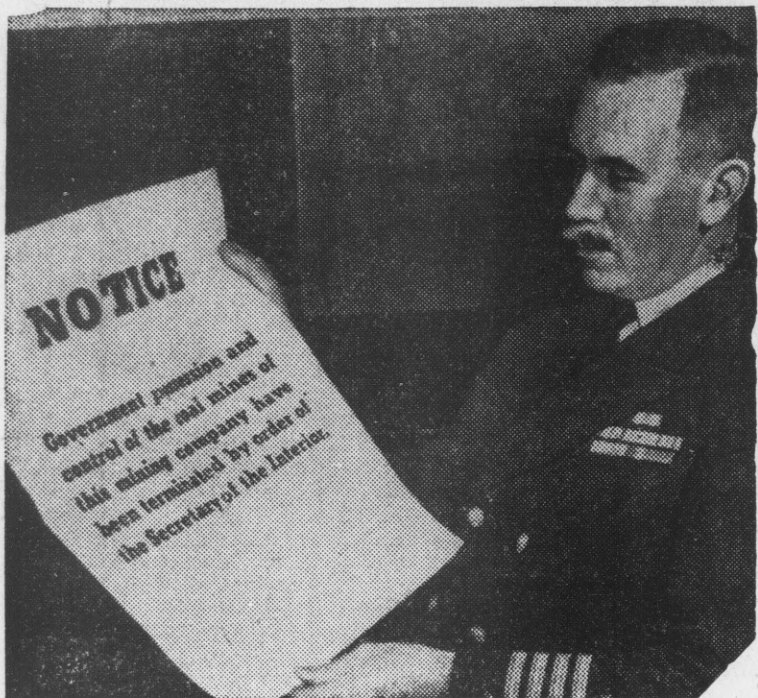
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WHOLE No. 458

Uncle Sam Quits Mines



After 13 months of government operation, the nation's bituminous coal pits have been returned to the coal companies. Here Mine Administrator Capt. F. C. ... holds one of the signs posted throughout the country's mines announcing the termination of U. S. control. (Federated Pictures)

Tories Again Plan Killing Poll Tax Act

WASHINGTON—Delay, confusion and hair-splitting will be the tactics of the House minority depending for political life on the poll tax to defend that institution, it was made clear as a House administration subcommittee opened hearings on eight anti-polltax bills.

Reps. Tom Pickett (D. Tex.) and Burr P. Harrison (D. Va.) started to work on the first witness, Rep. George H. Bender (R. O.), advancing the usual states rights argument against the federal law to kill the poll tax, but branching off the subject at every opportunity. Congress is slated to adjourn at the end of the month, and the bill must clear subcommittee, full committee, the rules committee and final floor action within two weeks.

SABOTAGE TACTICS

Rep. George A. Smathers (D. Fla.), though claiming he favored outlawing the poll tax by state rather than federal action, joined in the campaign to hinder committee clearance of the bills.

Bender, author of one of the measures, called the poll tax "a denial of the basic proposition of the American system—government derive their just powers from the consent of the governed." It was instituted, he recalled, after nearly a half-century of free manhood suffrage "for the express purpose of disfranchising the great majority of the people."

WHEN THEY STARTED

Dates of adoption of the poll tax were listed as Mississippi, 1890; Tennessee, 1890; South Carolina, 1895; Alabama, 1901; Virginia, 1901; Texas, 1903; and Arkansas, 1908. In Virginia, the record shows, 266,000 persons voted in the last presidential election before the tax was imposed, and but 136,000 voted in the next presidential election—a drop of 49 percent. Mississippi showed an immediate drop of 56 percent, from 117,000 to 52,000, and other states followed suit.

Bender, supported by Republican colleagues on the anti-poll tax issue, called on Pres. Truman "to pledge his own support but also that of his party to ensure the passage of an anti-poll tax measure in this session of Congress."

San Diego Unionists Plan Now to Reire Tory Legislators

SAN DIEGO—The AFL Federated Trades and Labor Council here is wasting no time getting its big guns lined up to dislodge anti-labor politicians in 1948.

To assure a solid pro-labor vote here next year, the council has started the monumental job of precincting every one of the 25,000 members of its affiliated unions.

"We're determined to get out every one of those votes," said John Quimby, council secretary. "If we do we're sure to sweep San Diego County for pro-labor candidates."

Seek Court Rehearing On Ruling

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Industrial Accident Commission will petition the Supreme Court of California for a rehearing on its decision holding that the 1945 amendment to Section 4661 of the Labor Code is not retrospective. As amended, Section 4661 provides that an injured employee shall receive at least 75% of his permanent disability rating in addition to the temporary disability rating, rather than only the greater of the two.

The California State Federation of Labor, through its attorney, Charles P. Scully, will also petition the court for a rehearing as well as to act in the capacity of amicus curiae.

In the last issue of the News Letter, it was reported that the Supreme Court, by a decision of 6 to 1, had annulled awards of the Industrial Accident Commission for injuries received prior to the adoption of the amendment. Lengthy quotations were given from the dissenting opinion rendered by Justice Carter, which substantiated the position taken by the Commission and the Federation.

Because of the significance and importance of this issue, the Federation is determined to do everything it possibly can to obtain a favorable ruling from the Supreme Court. Future developments dealing with this matter will be reported in subsequent issues of the News Letter.

Judge Refuses To Kill Union Shop Provision

LOS ANGELES—Superior Judge Frank G. Swain denied a request by three would-be motion picture performers for an injunction to set aside the union shop provisions of the Screen Extras Guild contract with the producers in Hollywood.

Declaring the trio, Gene Bayes, Ford Raymond and Bobby Michaels, like other applicants for membership, must meet "reasonable regulations and requirements established by the union," the judge upheld the S.E.G.'s demurrer filed by Guild Counsel Robert W. Gilbert.

In denying the injunction, the court sustained arguments by the Screen Extras Guild attorney that a labor organization was entitled to require that new members be qualified and employable in the industry, and of good moral character, as a protection for those already on the job.

Auto Workers Average \$55

LANSING, Mich. — Workers in Michigan auto and parts plants earned an average of \$55.66 a week during May, the state department of labor and industry reports. The work-week averaged 37.3 hours and the hourly rate averaged \$1.491 including overtime.

The average wage in all Michigan manufacturing was \$54.87 for a work-week of 39.4 hours at an average hourly rate of \$1.399.

Anti-Labor Bill Already Affecting Many Labor Cases

WASHINGTON—The heavy heel of the Taft-Hartley anti-labor bill has already begun pressing on labor's throat, it was made clear as the NLRB released instructions for conforming to the new law which it had sent its 21 regional offices.

Affected were some 5,100 standing cases, 4,300 of which were being processed in the field, and 800 of which were in Washington. Most of the field cases, the NLRB said, may not reach the board for decision until after the full provisions of the act go into effect on August 22.

Among the instructions to regional offices going into immediate effect:

1. Dismiss all petitions seeking certification of units involving supervisory workers.
2. Stop all cases involving collective bargaining for plant guards unless the guards unit completely excludes all other workers.
3. Do not give approval to any new labor-management agreements to settle representation by cross-check of company payrolls (the new law requires an election).

4. Hold no election in units where an election has been held within the past year.

Regional NLRB offices were also instructed to keep a complete record in craft unit and so-called professional employee cases, to comply with the requirement that both groups vote for inclusion in a unit with other workers.

Among the provisions of the Taft-Hartley law to be held off until Aug. 22 are employer petitions for collective bargaining elections, petitions for de-certification of bargaining representatives and union petitions for union security votes.

Of special interest also will be discussion on how the Taft-Hartley law can be repealed.

Addressed to all organizations of the people of California, the call is being sent to all labor organizations, veterans groups, women's groups, senior citizen groups, farm groups, youth groups, minority groups and to "all other people's organizations in California who want to join the fight for progress."

The conference will convene at 10 a.m., August 23 at the Rodger Young Auditorium, 936 West Washington Blvd.

Labor Dept. Funds Voted, But Still Badly Curtailed

WASHINGTON—The Labor Department finally got the funds with which to operate for another year when the labor-federal security appropriation bill quickly cleared the House and Senate a few hours after the conference committee compromised its long-standing differences on the measure.

Most of the figures split the difference between extreme slashes by the House in Pres. Truman's budget requests and somewhat milder Senate cuts. The final result:

Wage-Hour Division—Final appropriation, \$3.8 million; Truman budget request, \$5.2 million.

Division of Labor Standards—Appropriation, \$200,000; budget request, \$718,000.

U. S. Employment Service (Administration)—Appropriation, \$3.5 million; budget request, \$6 million.

U. S. Employment Service (Grants to State Offices)—Appropriation, \$57.4 million; budget request, \$72 million.

Bureau of Labor Statistics—Appropriation, \$3.4 million; budget request, \$6.7 million.

Apprentice Training Service—Appropriation, \$2.1 million; budget request, \$2.5 million.

The Labor Department, according to the act of Congress establishing it, is supposed "to foster, promote and develop the welfare of the wage earners in the U. S., to improve their working conditions, and to advance their opportunities for profitable employment."

Medal Given Negro Scientist for Job On Fire Prevention

WASHINGTON — The Spingarn Medal, given annually by a committee of the Natl. Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People for the highest achievement of an American Negro, was awarded to Dr. Percy L. Julian, a research chemist, at the NAACP conference.

The winner directs research for the Glidden Varnish and Paint Co., and during the war achieved distinction for his work on an invention used in smothering fires aboard naval vessels.

Born in Montgomery, Ala., in 1899, Dr. Julian worked his way through DePauw University, taking advanced degrees at Harvard and in Vienna. He has taught chemistry at Fisk University, Virginia State, Howard University and DePauw.

In order not to show anything brutal on the screen, most movies end just as the couples are about to be married.

Legislative Conference Call Issued

LOS ANGELES—A call to a special session of the California Legislative Conference, to be held August 23 and 24 here, has been issued to over 5,000 organizations in California by co-Chairmen of the Conference George F. Irvine of San Francisco and Reuben W. Borough of Los Angeles.

Featured in the program of the two-day conference will be a forum discussion "What About 1948." Robert W. Kenny, former attorney general of California, will speak on "What Is the Outlook for Progressives in the Democratic Party." Hugh Bryson, national president of the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union, a CIO affiliate, will talk on "Do We Need a Third Party Now?" There will be discussion from the floor on this vital topic, but no formal conference action will be taken.

Also figured for a highlight of action will be discussion of three proposed initiative measures for the state: Senate Reapportionment, Veterans Housing, and Increased Aid to Senior Citizens.

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FAMISHED LANDLORDS SMELL BLOOD

WASHINGTON—When the leash of federal rent control appeared removed by passage of the GOP's weakened extension law, many U. S. landlords violated its provisions in their eagerness to lap up extra profits.

Under the plain terms of the law, which Pres. Truman declared was a "step backward," rent controls remain on all hotels, motor courts, and tourist homes throughout the nation until the landlord files an application for decontrol with his area rent office. This notice must be filed within 30 days after July 1, or in the case of new units, within 30 days after the first day of renting.

Apartment hotels may also be in hot water with the government if they jumped rents (as many did in New York City and elsewhere) without considering the new act's provisions.

The section applying to apartment hotels says that no establishment shall be considered a hotel for the purposes of decontrol if "75 per cent or more of the units in the establishment are self-contained dwelling units including a bathroom and kitchen and were rented on other than a daily term of occupancy on June 30, 1947."

Pete Andrade On Vacation

Peter A. Andrade, secretary of Warehousemen and Teamsters Union 890 of Salinas, was on his annual vacation this week, due back on his job next Monday. Where he was spending his vacation period was not announced.

Hassawar Here For Farm Union

Hank Hassawar, western director for the National Farm Labor Union, was due in Salinas this week for a meeting of the new Salinas Farm Labor Union Local 208. Announcement of the union's progress was expected next week.

"Summer Pack"

The "summer pack" of sardines is progressing fairly well, the Fish Cannery Workers Union reports. Some plants last week packed squid and anchovies also, it was reported.

Basket Drug Fountain Signs With Union

Clifford Arthur, operator of the new Basket Drug Co., at 325 Main Street, Salinas, has signed a contract with Culinary Alliance 467 for the fountain-lunch portion of the store.

Bertha Boles, union secretary, said the fountain-lunch department will be operated fully union. Arthur is formerly from Bakersfield.

Retail Clerks Get New Pact In Salinas Area

A new wage and working agreement has been negotiated by Retail Clerks Union 839 of Salinas, covering retail grocery stores in the area, it was announced last week by E. L. Courtwright, secretary of the Salinas Labor Council. The new agreement, negotiated by union Secretary James Mathiesen, calls for a wage of \$62.40 per week for clerks, based on a 48-hour work week, with \$90 per week for managing clerks.

Extra help will receive a differential of 10 cents per hour if less than 40 hours, 7 1/2 cents per hour with vacations of one week after one year, two weeks after two years.

Retrospective date for the agreement was set as June 28, 1947.

Culinary 467 Spurs Salinas Contract Signup

Culinary Alliance 467 of Salinas is showing excellent progress in signing of new agreements, reports Secretary Bertha Boles.

Many houses have signed, and a number of newly-established places and places which have changed hands recently, she said. The new agreements call for improved conditions and added holidays, Mrs. Boles added.

Fish Cannery Negotiations Are Started

Negotiations for a new working agreement and wage scale were underway this week between Fish Cannery Workers Union of Monterey and the Monterey Sardine Processors Association, the union reported.

Meetings last week were mainly routine in nature, with both sides presenting preliminary contracts and arguments in their favor.

Carpenters 925 Seat Officers

Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas installed newly-elected officers at their last meeting, with many incumbents returned to their posts.

Business Agent George Harter was in Soledad last Friday checking on union conditions and similar matters in this section, it was reported.

The new officers are: President—Harvey Baldwin. Vice-President—Charles Jhillips. Recording Secretary—A. O. "Al" Miller.

Treasurer—O. O. Little. Business Agent—George R. Harter.

Conductor—Don Harris. Warden—J. T. Stevens.

Mrs. Gregory On Vacation

Mrs. Neva Gregory, office secretary for the Monterey County Building Trades Council at Monterey and also for Carpenters 1323, was on her vacation this week. She had planned an extended trip to Montana.

Taking Mrs. Gregory's place for the next four weeks will be Mrs. Lucille Smith.

Council Names CSFL Delegates

Delegates from the Central Labor Council at Salinas to the annual convention of the California State Federation of Labor were named at a recent meeting. They are Secretary E. L. ("Pete") Courtwright, also representative of Butchers 506, and Bertha Boles, representative of Culinary Alliance 467.

LOCAL 483 PICKS NEW BUS. AGENT

Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 of Monterey elected new officers last week, with a new business agent elected by the union, it was reported.

George Rice, a bartender, was chosen as secretary-treasurer and business agent for the local, the first business agent since retirement of Steve ("Red Duane") Smario. Pearl Robinson, re-elected recording secretary of the union, has been acting as representative.

The new officers for the coming year are:

President—Harvey Rose. Vice President—Lucille McNally. Secretary-Treasurer and Business Representative—George Rice. Recording Secretary—Pearl Robinson.

Inspector—Crystal Ross. Trustees—Peter Puhl, Floyd Lynch, Frank Christy.

Chaplain—E. D. McCutcheon. Delegate to California State Federation of Labor—George Rice.

Delegate to California State Association of Culinary-Bartenders—Pearl Bennett.

Labor Council Begins Annual Ballot Friday

The Monterey County Central Labor Council of Salinas will begin annual elections with first nominations this Friday night, July 18, Secretary E. L. ("Pete") Courtwright reported.

Nominations will be accepted by the council at meetings of Friday, July 18, and Friday, July 25, and election by secret ballot on Friday, August 1. John Deer is president of the council.

Sims Is New Representative Of Box Makers

James Sims, former employee of Forest Box Co., has been named business representative of Box Makers Union 3034 of Salinas, succeeding John W. Deer, who resigned to put in full time for Laundry Workers 258. Deer served both the box makers and laundry workers formerly.

Sims has opened offices in the former small meeting hall in the building behind the Labor Temple in Salinas.

Modern Linen Still Non-Union

The Modern Linen Supply Co. of Salinas, which has been picketed by Laundry Workers 258, still is on the official "We Do Not Patronize" list of Salinas organized labor, reports Business Agent J. W. Deer of the union.

Pickets were removed from the plant last week after a three months' campaign to unionize the linen supply firm, the action taken pending interpretations of new labor laws, Deer said.

Deer asked all union establishments to continue to patronize only union linen supply services in the Salinas area.

Dry Cleaners Wait Reply On Contract

Dry Cleaners Union 258-B of Salinas still is waiting for the reply of employers to contract proposals submitted by the union, Representative J. W. Deer reports.

A joint meeting of union officials and leaders of the new Dry Cleaners Association was held last week at which the proposed new contract was submitted for the Salinas dry cleaning industry. Employers took the agreement under advisement pending another meeting this week.

McCARGAR RETIRING FROM C. OF C.

Fred S. McCargar, executive secretary of the Salinas Chamber of Commerce for many years and also secretary of the highly successful California Rodeo at Salinas, has announced his resignation from both posts.

McCargar, in a brief message, said he was going to Las Vegas, Nev., as manager of the chamber of commerce there.

San Francisco Host to AFL'S Big Convention

Biggest attendance of delegates in the history of the American Federation of Labor is expected at the 66th Annual Convention at the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, beginning at 10 a.m. Monday, October 6.

The convention call issued by Pres. Green, Secy. Meany and the Executive Council declares the coming convention to be probably the most important ever held, in view of the present legislative attacks and the increasingly serious economic problems confronting the nation.

Delegates will consist of representatives from National or International Unions (one for less than 4000, two for 4000 or more, three for 8000 or more, etc.); one from each city central body, state federation, local trade union not having a national or international union, and federal labor union. Delegates must be elected at least two weeks prior to the convention, and all taxes and assessments must have been paid up to August 31. Credentials must be made out in duplicate—one for the delegate, one to be sent to Secy. Meany.

Headquarters for the Executive Council will be at the St. Francis Hotel and Sir Francis Drake Hotel. Delegates will present credentials to Secy. Meany at the St. Francis Hotel. Hotel reservations should be made through the AFL Housing Committee (Howard Geer, Ex. Secy.) in care of the Whitcomb Hotel.

Councils Asked to Secure Representation on State Boards to Control Rents

(Release from State Federation of Labor)

SAN FRANCISCO.—In a letter to all State Federations of Labor, William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor, points out that Truman signed the Housing and Rent Control Act of 1947 voted by Congress, but that in doing so, he was choosing the "lesser of two evils." President Truman wrote a strong message to Congress when he signed the bill, characterizing the measure as "plainly inadequate."

The effective administration of rent controls, as provided for by this new Act, will depend upon every community in the existing 600 defense rental areas throughout the country. The bill places the responsibility and authority on individual communities, and it directs the Housing Expediter to appoint local rent control policy and administration boards in the locality. The recommendations of such Boards, if substantiated by evidence, become binding on the Housing Expediter.

GOVERNOR'S ROLE
As provided in the Housing and Rent Control Act of 1947, the Governors of the respective states shall recommend to the Housing Expediter the names of at least five representative citizens of each area to serve on these advisory boards.

The great importance of the composition of these boards lies in their authority to recommend to the Housing Expediter complete decontrol of rents in the entire area, adjustment of the general rent level, relief of hardship cases, and the general operation of the local rent office. These recommendations become effective in 30 days unless disapproved by the Housing Expediter for lack of evidence.

Recommendations to the Governor regarding the membership of these boards is so essential that the Federation will submit such recommendations in order to protect the interests of labor. Because these boards will have so much power, it can be expected that groups long organized to kill any form of rent control will strive to make their influence felt. If these boards are weighted with persons appointed through the pressure of such groups, no effective rent control in the various communities will remain. Labor must assume the responsibility of making sure that the boards appointed will be truly representative of each community and that they will exercise their authority in accordance with needs and fact in the desire to eliminate rent controls at a time when the cost of living has already risen so high.

President Green points out that labor cannot afford to relax its efforts in this field. The Federation recommends to the Central Labor Council covering the following defense rental areas that they request the mayor of their respective communities to place representatives of labor on these area rent control boards:

Alameda County. Placer and Nevada Counties. Fresno County. Lassen County. Marysville. Chico. Modesto County. Merced County. Monterey County. Watsonville. Richmond. Vallejo. Sacramento and San Joaquin Counties. San Benito County. San Francisco Bay Area, including San Francisco, San Mateo and Marin Counties. Sonoma County, except Sonoma and Redwood Townships. Santa Clara County. Santa Cruz County. Tulare and Kings Counties. Kern County. Los Angeles and Orange Counties. Riverside County. San Bernardino County. San Diego County. San Luis Obispo County, including northern part of Santa Barbara County. Santa Barbara County, including southern part of county. Ventura County. Santa Maria.

Ask Authority To Discharge Without Cause
WASHINGTON — Permanent authority to fire any employee without giving reason for the discharge was asked of the House by the secretaries of state, war and the navy and Atomic Energy Commission Chairman David E. Lilienthal.

The four top administration officials said in a joint letter that Pres. Truman's loyalty commission had recommended such a procedure. A person fired summarily could seek a job elsewhere in the government, they said, but the agency doing the firing would have to be consulted before the person were hired again.

Plan Action Against Slave Act



Mapping strategy for an all-out legal assault on the Taft-Hartley Act, AFL President William Green confers with three of the 75 union attorneys who gathered in Washington after an emergency call. Green declared: "We will organize politically to defeat every Congressman who voted for the bill." Left to right: AFL General Counsel Joseph Padway, Green, Cliff Langsdale and George E. Roewer. (Federated Pix)

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AN ECONOMIC WARNING

The conservative Federal Reserve Board does not often sound off half-cocked, and perhaps it is in a better position to analyze business trends than any other group or agency in the country. After a recent careful study, it issued a warning that unless worker purchasing power goes up materially soon our economy is due for a "slump." Here are some of the Board's findings:

In the last year savings have dropped about \$10 billion. Says the Board: "It is significant that even within the middle and upper income groups very substantial numbers drew upon holdings of liquid assets for living expenses."

In the last year there has been a big decline in the market for homes. Why? Because of the abnormally high prices. Says the Board: "Many consumer units, and more particularly in lower income brackets, have disappeared from the list of prospective purchasers of homes."

The Board points out that the number of worker families getting less than \$2000 a year dropped considerably in the same period. It points out, on the other hand, that "price increases during 1946 reduced the effective purchasing power of their incomes and of such savings as they had."

Rent increases, as a result of the new law, will further reduce mass purchasing power for commodities and services. Meanwhile the tax burden remains unchanged. Corporation profits, however, are the highest in history.

It doesn't take a professor of mathematics to realize what all this will add up to if present trends continue much longer.

THE "MOCK" IN DEMOCRACY

Commenting on the possibility of a third party in '48, columnist Ray Tucker says:

"No... the election laws in most states are rigged against rebels. It is almost impossible legally to submit an independent ticket to the voters. It was the believers in politics-as-usual who framed the state election statutes."

We have an example of this kind of "rigging" right here in California. In 1938, the Progressive Party qualified itself (by number of votes cast for a top candidate in a general election) for another four years. But in 1940, the State Legislature passed a law stiffening the qualifications and made it retroactive! In other words, although the Progressive Party had legally qualified itself to be on the ballot in the 1942 general election, the Legislature (backed up by the signature of Governor Culbert L. Olson) dictatorially disqualified a qualified party!

The votes in Congress show that there is virtually only one party in the United States. The Republican national convention is made up of "delegates" from all states in accordance with their population. Reactionaries from the so-called Democratic southern states—men really hand-picked by reactionary northern politicians—will virtually decide the vote on the Republican candidate for president.

And yet there are some naive people who think that we have the last word in democracy!

THE BIG LIE TECHNIQUE

That fascism is very much alive in this world was shown when a rightist plot in France was exposed and crushed right on the eve of the planned coup. Remnants of the old Cagouards and Vichy-Pétain fascists plotted the uprising. An attempt was made to get additional support by copying one of Adolph Hitler's favorite tactics—use of forged documents to "prove" a Communist uprising in the offing. This is a favorite device of rightist totalitarians everywhere. It was the line of Mussolini, Franco, Horthy and a dozen other dictators.

Those sincerely opposed to communism as a philosophy and economic program should always be on their guard against such things. You will note that here in the United States all of the fascist and semi-fascist spokesmen keep assuring us that all they want to do is to "save us from communism." The fact is they are (1) against democracy and in favor of "strong man" government, (2) peddlers of race hate, and (3) enemies of trade unions.

Moral: Don't judge by the label; look inside the package!

PUZZLE FOR PATRIOTS

Seems strange, does it not, that Congress will vote hundreds of millions for Greece and Turkey, more millions for Korea, more millions to feed Germans and Austrians, more millions to maintain an unpopular government in China—but it can't vote a few millions to complete the Central Valley Project?

GIGGLES AND GROANS

PERFECTLY NORMAL

The little fellow obviously hadn't had a bath for too long, so his teacher sent a tactfully-written note to the pupil's mother. When the freshly-washed boy returned to school he handed in this note:

"Yours received. I give Jimmy a bath every week. The trouble is you old-maid school teachers don't know how a man should smell. Jimmie smells just like his pa."

POLITE THAT WAY

An inmate of an asylum announced gravely that he was God. The visitor said to him:

"Of course, you're God. And I'm glad to talk to you. But tell me—I've always wanted to know—is it true that you worked six days to make the world, then rested on the seventh?"

The inmate looked at him coldly, and replied:

"I never talk shop."

PERVERSITY OF FATE

On a sunny bench overlooking the waterfront at Long Beach, old pensioners sat discussing their various troubles. A pair of lissome blondes pranced, arm in arm. Clad in halter-top bras and the shortest of bright green shorts, they were fetchingly rouged and lipstick, and each enjoyed a full complement of properly-distributed curves.

Permitting his rheumy eyes to follow appreciatively until the coddle-cuties had lost themselves in the crowd, the elder of the old fossils turned back to his companion with a doleful shake of the head.

"That's what I mean," he whined in a quavering falsetto. "You'n me just didn't get the breaks! Why couldn't there have been women like that when we still had enough teeth to whistle!"

A REAL ATTRACTION

A label from the blouse-department at the store had strayed into the hardware department and attracted a gay crowd. They read:

"How would you like to see your best girl in this for \$10?"

It was stuck on a bathtub.

CREDENTIALS REQUIRED

SIGN IN A HOLLYWOOD STUDIO (where anything can happen): "Executives wishing to take advantage of stenographers in the steno pool, please report to A and show your need."

NOTHING REVOLUTIONARY

The following explosive protest is attributed to Sally Rand:

"New York, which is going through a severe attack of puritism, won't allow poor people to see naked women at burlesque theaters, but permits rich men to see nudity in expensive night clubs. It's things like that which encourage Bolshevism. Why should anybody get excited over my artistic performances? It's the same old fans—and the same old fanny."

SIMPLY INDISPOSED

STRIP TEASE (to manager): "I can't go on tonight. I simply don't feel in the nude."

A BAD REPUTATION

MOE: "You say that farmer's a big liar?"

ZOE: "I'll say he is. He's such a liar that when it comes time to feed his hogs he has to get somebody else to call 'em for him."

PATIENCE PERSONIFIED

A working man walked into the little hospital and a nurse asked him what he came for.

"Gravel," he replied.

She ordered him to strip, then dress again and wait. The head nurse came along and repeated the performance. When the doctor came in turn and asked what the trouble was he said firmly:

"Gravel. I got two tons of it out at the back that the hospital ordered."

NOT IN THE CARDS

A young GI was due to take his place on his plane for a night flight within an hour's time. Timidly he asked his superior if he had time to say good-bye to his young wife who lived near by.

"How long have you been married?" asked the superior.

"Three weeks, sir."

"Son, I'm afraid you can't make it."

BOON FROM HEAVEN

He found his friend unusually cheerful when they met on the way to business.

"A legacy?" he asked.

"No, my wife's mother has laryngitis."

Failure is the path of the least persistence.

I never expected to see the day when the girls would get sunburned in the places they go now.—G. B. SHAW.

Some women don't care whose means they live beyond.—N. COLE.

You can't kiss a girl unexpectedly; only sooner than she thought you would.—NAOMI BLISS.

THE MARCH OF LABOR



LABOR DISGRACES NO MAN; UNFORTUNATELY YOU OCCASIONALLY FIND MEN DISGRACE LABOR.

U.S. GRANT

WEAR 'EM BOTH! HATS AND CAPS MADE BY UNION CRAFTSMEN BEAR THIS UNION LABEL. LOOK FOR IT—INSIST ON IT!



KINGSBLOOD ROYAL, by Sinclair Lewis. Published by Random House, 457 Madison Avenue, New York. Price \$3.

The publishers of this latest novel by Sinclair Lewis don't exaggerate any when they advertise it as a "blazing story." No doubt it is making some people blazing mad (I refer to the impassioned advocates of Nordic purity) and that is just what Lewis intended.

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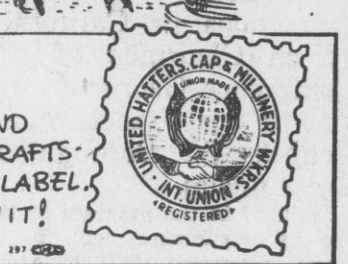
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Report Lag In Factory Employment

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

SAN FRANCISCO. — Reports

for the month of May, 1947, indicate a decline in employment in manufacturing industries in California. The report of the Division of Labor Statistics and Research of the California Department of Industrial Relations shows that total employment in all manufacturing industries decreased about 7000 between April and May. 4600 in non-durable goods and the remainder in durable goods.

A large part of the decline occurred in the apparel industry, which suffered a loss of employment amounting to approximately 3000 wage and salary workers between April and May. One of the consequences of this decline is that employment in the apparel industry is now at the lowest level since January 1946.

SOME SEASONAL RISE

Although there was a seasonal rise of employment in lumber, the declines in the remaining durable goods industries more than offset the increased demand for labor in lumber, so that the total employment in the durable goods industries dropped about 2400 between April and May. Aircraft, non-ferrous metals, machinery, iron and steel and their products were among the durable goods industries showing a significant decline in employment.

The brunt of the decrease in employment was felt in the Los Angeles industrial area, where employment in the nondurable goods industries declined from 94,000 to 91,700 and in the durable goods industries from 149,100 to 144,400 between April and May. In the same period in the San Francisco Bay industrial area, employment in the nondurable goods declined but 600, while slight increases occurred in the durable goods industries.

LABOR MARKET TIGHTENES

These figures confirm the experiences of many that the labor market has tightened up, and that the lush days of being able to pick a job according to one's whims has passed. It should be noted that this decline in employment reflects conditions in the business community which, although reporting some increases in dollar sales over the past year, has also admitted a decline in unit sales. This inverse relationship of dollar sales and unit sales is a direct result of price increases, and is reflected in the employment figures reported here.



"When you're a big man," said Mr. Dilworth, "and get to traveling around this great country of ours, and hear what the men in the Pullman smoking rooms have to say . . ."

"I'll know a lot of dirty stories I don't know now," Little Luther suggested.

"More than that, son; more than that. You'll know why we must curb labor's excesses, for one thing. I tell you, boy, it broadens one to sit in on that kind of homey, real-American discussion—it's a sort of New England town meeting kind of thing."

"They always sounded more like a kangaroo court to me," said Little Luther. "What is it about a Pullman smoking room and a 10c cigar that makes every sales manager feel like a Sewer Avey, and every businessman think he's king for a day? Broadens one? Why, if most of those guys were broadened any, they'd have to buy two tickets. I hope I don't have to put it in plainer English."

"Little L., every right-thinking person knows the unions are a biased, one-sided kind of organization, dictated to by nobody but the working people."

"And, oh daddy, are the congressmen going to wish there were more of those right-thinkers and fewer working people, come next election time?"

Steel Union Spurns Altered Labor Board

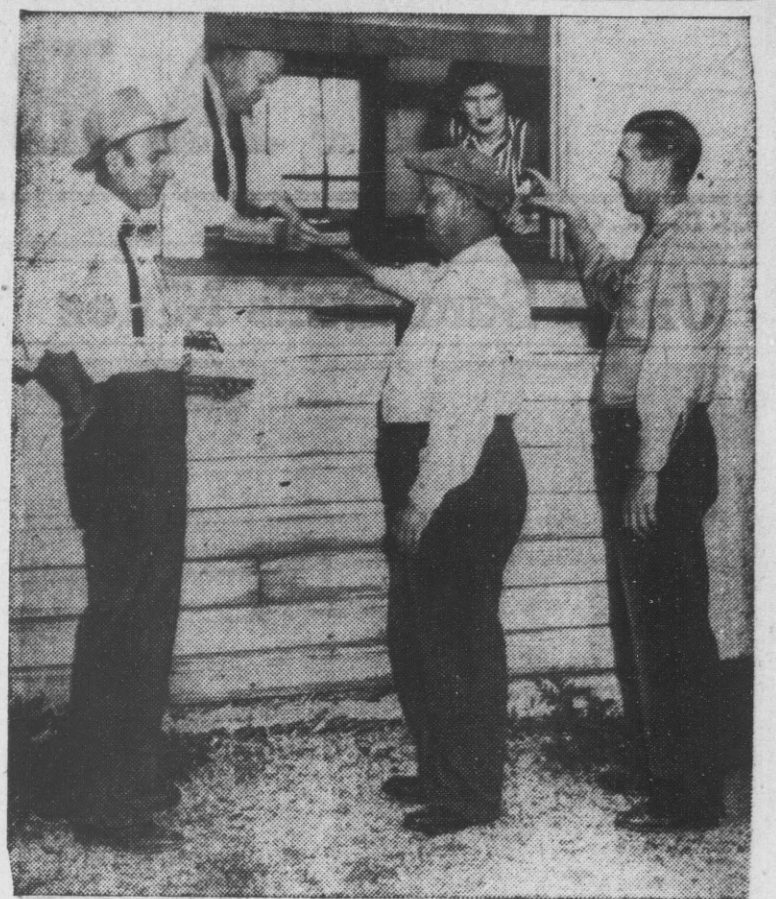
PITTSBURGH — The United

Steelworkers will not channel any of its disputes through the new labor board created under the Taft-Hartley law, its executive board voted here. The board also decided that in future contracts the union "will not commit itself to non-strike obligations enforceable by harassing lawsuits."

Challenging the new law which, it said, "completely destroyed the fundamental protection given to workers by the Wagner Act," the union stated:

"We shall in good faith seek to resolve all issues between our union and the employers through bonafide collective bargaining and other peaceful means wherever possible. The right to strike in the event of disputes must be preserved or our freedom shall be lost."

Miners Start Vacation



These Pennsylvania miners are about to get paid in advance for their 10-day vacation that began June 28. Over 200,000 fellow members of the United Mine Workers (AFL) started their "vacation" early to protest the Taft-Hartley law. (Federated Pictures)



By MARTY SOLOW

Every American capitalist. That's the way Edward T. Leech, editor of the Pittsburgh Press (Scripps-Howard) feels about it. He said so in a column June 16. According to Leech, every holder of a stock or a bond is a capitalist. By that token, he decided, American capitalists "number around 30 million, about one in five of our population."

Leech overlooked these small items: Only 10,000 persons own one-fourth, and 75,000 persons own one-half of all the corporate stock in the country. Also, 61,000 persons received one-half of all stock dividends. The facts, taken from the Senate report, Economic Concentration & World War II, make a liar out of Leech.

THOSE HCL LIARS

Anniversary story: It's now a year since Congress, pressured by big business, killed the OPA. Said the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers in a full page ad in June 1946: "If OPA is permanently discontinued . . . supply will quickly catch up with demand. Prices will be fair and reasonable to all."

That was passing out the baloney in generous doses. Since NAM ran their ad, wholesale prices have risen 32 per cent, farm products are up 27.4 per cent, foods in general are up 45.3 per cent. Items like soap are up 62 per cent, coffee up 50 per cent, meat up 60 per cent.

Sure, prices are "fair and reasonable for all"—all the members of the NAM.

THAT 'CLEAR MANDATE'

Let's get together, boys. According to the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers (June 23) "Congress in enacting the labor-management relations act of 1947, and passing this measure over the President's veto, has carried out the clear mandate of the American people."

But on June 26 the Hearst papers, which usually take their editorial line from the NAM, sneered that "Mr. Truman was just a man running for President when he wrote the veto message."

A man running for President usually tries to appeal to the largest number of people. So when is a mandate not a mandate?

The majority of husbands remind me of an orang-utang trying to play a violin.—HONORE DE BALZAC.

Sign on counter featuring 10c wedding rings: "Why Spurge Foolishly?"

Lobbyists Score Card

Labor and its allies have 150 registered lobbyists in the 80th Congress while Big Business has 267 and pays lots better. Here are some of the figures:

LABOR:	Number Registered	Average Salary
AFL	58	\$ 7,280
CIO	28	4,820
RR Bro.	23	14,550
Ind. Unions	38	7,827
Govt. Employees	14	3,929
Farm Groups	10	8,110
Veterans	22	3,709
INDUSTRY:		
C. of C. NAM, etc.	19	11,507
Trade Assns.	75	7,599
Individual Firms	84	10,097
Railroads	21	11,204
Food Processors	49	12,941
Oil and Gas	16	8,300
Real Estate	15	6,184
Shipping	13	11,571
Power	7	19,425
Financial	8	7,887
Misc. Transport.	10	10,736

He's Frank, Anyway

In a store window of a young chemist just starting business for himself: "We Dispense With Accuracy."

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF LOCAL 890: Remember Ernest J. Bramblett, your Congressman in this district, voted for the TARTLEY Labor Bill, thereby reducing your wages, hours and working conditions in the days ahead. Plan now to replace him in Congress at the next election. HE IS AN ENEMY OF ORGANIZED LABOR.

RAITER CANNING COMPANY:
The minimum wages for women now in effect will be \$1 per hour; the minimum wages for men will be \$1.15 per hour; also, you are to receive time and one-half after eight hours in any one day. The contract will be posted at the plant. Please check the contract and familiarize yourselves with the contents.

ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED THEIR INSURANCE POLICIES: Call at the union office. If you are unable to come in person, drop us a line and it will be mailed to you. Remember to pay your dues on or before the first day of the month and not later than the 15th, to remain in good standing and keep your policies in effect. This is very vital as in case of your death if you are not in good standing, your beneficiary will not receive your insurance.

IMPORTANT: The next general meetings are as follows: Salinas, August 5th at 8 p.m. at the Women's Civic Club, Watsonville, August 6th at 8 p.m. at the Odd Fellows Hall.

PRODUCE, BUG AND LOADER DRIVERS: You are now under the State Unemployment Insurance Act, and deductions are being made since July 1, but actually you are covered under the act since April 1, 1947. If there are any companies that are not yet deducting the Unemployment Insurance taxes, please notify the office of the union, as it is very important that they take the deduction so that you may be covered by unemployment insurance for the coming year.

Any member of the union in need of legal advice, get in touch with the office of the union as we have lawyers for this purpose retained by the union.

If unemployed, come in and register so that we may place you on jobs as they become available.

Be sure to wear your union button on the job as this is proof that you, as an individual, want to maintain your wages, hours and working conditions through your membership in the union.

Teamsters Nail Wall St. Paper Lie About Fees

PORTLAND, Ore.—An accusation by the Wall Street Journal that AFL teamster locals here are charging initiation fees of \$500 uncorked vigorous protests and a demand for immediate retraction from Oregon Joint Council 37, International Brotherhood of Teamsters. Top fees are \$50 and average initiation payments are \$25, the council pointed out. The Oregon Teamster charged the big business organ with "an obvious and malicious propaganda attempt on the eve of the slave labor bill action."

To Be or Not To Be

A high authority says that within 15 years the world will have heavy planes, probably 300 to 400 tons, run by nuclear energy. Others say that the costly process of splitting atoms to release energy will be before that time be superseded by a method of combining lighter elements to make a heavier one. There is a great age coming. The only difficulty is whether there will be any humanity left to enjoy it.

Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii have reinstated their G. I. term insurance since the VA launched their NSLI information campaign last February 3.

Last February Congress extended the date for reinstatement of insurance with a comparative health statement. This privilege ends at midnight, August 1, 1947. The VA will honor comparative health statements that are mailed prior to that deadline.

All veterans of World War II who allowed their G. I. insurance to lapse are being urged to give serious consideration to their peace-time insurance needs during the month of July.

National Service Life Insurance provides the veteran with more protection, at a lower cost, than any other type of insurance—and it is a privilege available only to veterans.

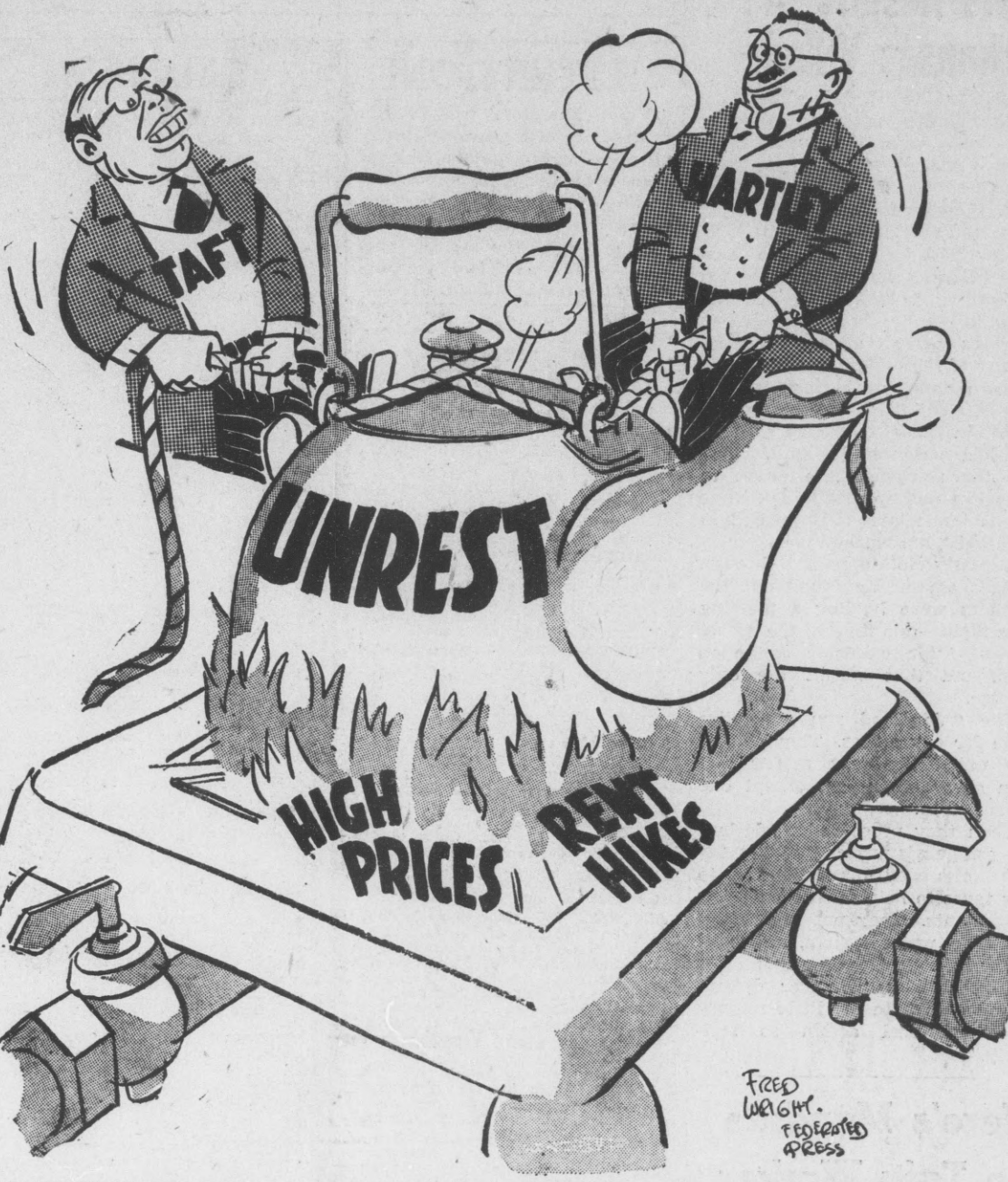
QUESTION: I am a World War II veteran and plan to go to school under the G. I. Bill for the first time next fall. When should I arrange for my entrance into school?

ANSWER: You should arrange for your entrance into college or other institution of learning at the earliest possible moment.

QUESTION: What benefits, other than subsistence allowance, is a veteran entitled to while pursuing a course of instruction under the G. I. Bill or under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act.

ANSWER: Veterans Administration will pay for his tuition, books, supplies, fees and other authorized expenses within certain limitations. A disabled veteran may receive a pension or compensation and subsistence allowance concurrently.

READY TO POP . . . WRIGHT



Flock of Anti Bills Adopted For Michigan

LANSING, Mich.—Most of the anti-labor bills put through the Michigan legislature by the overwhelming Republican majorities have been signed by Gov. Sigler, including the Callahan foreign agents bill.

Outlawed is the right of public employees, including teachers, to go on strike. Workers in utilities must submit to arbitration. A 10-day strike notice is required of worker organizations generally and 30 days of utility workers. Strikes are not lawful unless a majority of ALL workers employed in the unit vote in favor, not a simple majority of those voting, as hitherto.

In Detroit a citizens' committee headed by Judge Henry Sweeney is organizing for a state referendum vote on the Callahan act. The act, which the attorney general says will not be enforced at present for lack of funds, gives him power to declare virtually any person or organization subversive, with corresponding penalties of jail and/or fine if the alleged subversive does not then make onerous reports and listings and affidavits.

"Seven days make one week," said the coffee in the restaurant percolator.

May, Convicted For Fraud, Foe Of Labor Union

WASHINGTON — Former Rep. Andrew J. May (D., Ky.) and his munitions-making buddies Murray and Henry Garsson, were found guilty of bribery, fraud, and conspiracy by a U. S. District Court jury at the end of their 47-day trial.

May, former chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee, repeatedly wet his lips, his pudgy face chalk-white, as Justice Henry A. Schweinhaut polled each of the jurors individually.

May and the Garsson brothers protested "we are still innocent" while their attorney announced plans for an appeal.

The Kentucky Democrat, whose record was never marked by a pro-labor vote, was accused of selling his influence to the munitions makers, whose activities saw a shoeing business parlayed into about \$78 million worth of war contracts. May was accused of taking \$53,000 in bribes.

Under the federal statute upon which the trio was convicted, each faces a possible sentence of six years in prison and \$30,000 in fines.

Hollywood Gentleman: A guy who steps on his cigarette so it won't burn your rug.—HELEN FORREST, radio singer.

Sheet Metal Crafts Given 15-Cent Hike

DETROIT—Union sheet metal workers in the furnace and air-conditioning trade won a contract for a 15c blanket hourly raise, putting the new rate at \$2.02½, Bus. Agt. Marion Macloce of Local 281 (AFL) announces.

On out of town jobs they get in addition 6c a mile both ways and room and board at \$5 a day. Chief stewards get 10c above the journeyman rate. Standard vacation clauses and insurance coverage in the Union Labor Life Insurance Co. were included.

Rival Groups Uniting To Lick Labor Curbs

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia. — Opposition to state and national anti-labor legislation has served here to unite AFL, CIO and unaffiliated unions in a city-wide campaign for repeal of the labor curbs. Over 1,000 attended the meeting launching the campaign.

Maryland Adopts Two Per Cent Retail Tax

BALTIMORE — Maryland's new 2 percent retail sales tax went into effect July 1. It is the 21st state to adopt the levy as a revenue producer.

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